

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-25 have been amended. Claims 1, 10, 17, and 21 are independent. Claims 2-9, 11-16, 18-20, and 22-25 depend from independent claims 1, 10, 17, and 21, respectively.

The Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following amendments reflected in the listing of claims.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for billing and authentication of a communication device in a communication network, comprising:

at least one communication device deployed in at least one location;

a communication network communicatively coupled to the at least one location;

information content residing on ~~at least one~~one or both of the communication network and the at least one location; and

a card carrying information related to one or more user-defined selections of the information content, wherein the card allows the at least one communication device to access the user-defined selections identified by the card, once the card is communicatively coupled to the at least one communication device.

2. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the communication network comprises ~~at least one~~one or more of a third party media server, a media storage server, a broadband access headend, a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, a closed communication infrastructure, a local area network, andor a wireless infrastructure.

3. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the communication network comprises ~~[[an]]~~the Internet.

4. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the communication network comprises a local area network (LAN).

5. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 4, wherein the local area network comprises ~~at least one~~one or both of an Ethernet andor an 802.11b wireless network.

6. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one communication device comprises ~~at least one~~one or more of a computer,

a storage device, a media peripheral, set-top box circuitry, a television, a display, and or a remote control.

7. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the information content comprises ~~at least one~~ one or more of third party media content, digital video, digital images, digital audio, documents, files, broadcast television programs, radio channels, news programming, sporting events programming, special programming, and or on-demand movies.

8. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the card comprises ~~at least one~~ one or more of a chip-enabled card, a magnetic strip card, and or a Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) card.

9. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the information carried on the card is related to ~~at least one~~ one or more of accessing the user-defined selections by the at least one communication device, processing the user-defined selections by the at least one communication device, pushing the user-defined selections onto the communication network, pushing user-created information content onto the communication network, information relating to securing a payment, information relating to payment terms, information relating to

billing, information relating to content push restrictions or limitations, and or information relating to content access ~~restrictions or limitations~~.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for billing and authentication of a communication device in a communication network, comprising:

a first communication device deployed at a first geographic location;

a second communication device deployed at a second geographic location;

a communication network communicatively coupled to the first location and the second location;

an independent server residing on the communication network; and

information content residing on ~~at least one~~ one or more of the first location, the second location, and or the communication network,

wherein the independent server receives one or more user-defined selections of the information content and provides ~~is adapted to provide~~ media exchange services related to the one or more user-defined selections of the information content to the first communication device and the second communication device, upon receipt of authentication and billing information for the one or more user-defined selections from the first communication device.

11. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 10, wherein the communication network comprises ~~at least one~~ one or more of a third party media

server, a media storage server, a broadband access headend, a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, a closed communication infrastructure, a local area network, and/or a wireless infrastructure.

12. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 11, wherein the communication network comprises ~~[[an]]the~~ Internet.

13. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 10, wherein at least one of the first communication device and the second communication device comprise ~~at least one~~one or more of a computer, a storage device, a media peripheral, set-top box circuitry, a television, a display, and/or a remote control.

14. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 10, wherein the information content comprises ~~at least one~~one or more of third party media content, digital video, digital images, digital audio, documents, files, broadcast television programs, radio channels, news programming, sporting events programming, special programming, and/or on-demand movies.

15. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 10, wherein the media exchange services comprise ~~at least one~~one or more of granting the first communication device or the second communication device access to the user-defined selections, processing the user-defined selections by the first communication device or the second communication device, pushing the user-defined selections onto the communication network, and pushing user-created information content onto the communication network or between the first communication device and or the second communication device.

16. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 10, wherein the authentication and billing information is related to ~~at least one~~one or more of information relating to securing a payment, information relating to payment terms, information relating to billing, information relating to content push restrictions or limitations, and or information relating to content access ~~restrictions or limitations~~.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for billing and authentication of a communication device in a communication network, comprising:

[[a))] selecting media exchange services to be provided to a first communication device and or a second communication device, the media exchange services relating to user-defined selections of information content available on the communication network;

[[b)]] purchasing a card, the card giving access to the selected media exchange services available on the communication network, and the card carrying information related to the selected media exchange services;

[[c)]] communicatively coupling the card with the first communication device; and

[[d)]] accessing of the selected media exchange services by the first communication device, once the card is communicatively coupled with the first communication device.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, ~~further~~ comprising:

[[e)]] allowing the second communication device to access the selected media exchange services.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein allowing the first communication device or the second communication device to access the selected media exchange services comprises at least one or more of granting the first communication device or the second communication device access to the user-defined selections, processing the user-defined selections by the first communication device or the second communication device, pushing the user-defined selections onto the communication network, and pushing user-

created information content onto the communication network or between the first communication device and/or the second communication device.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, further comprising:

[[e)]] allowing the second communication device to access user-created information content that is available to the first communication device.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for billing and authentication of a communication device in a communication network, comprising:

[[a)]] selecting media exchange services to be provided to a first communication device at a first geographic location and/or a second communication device at a second geographic location, the media exchange services relating to a user-defined selection of information content that is available on the communication network;

[[b)]] establishing a subscription with an independent server located on the communication network, the subscription allowing for access by the first communication device and the second communication device to the selected media exchange services available on the communication network;

[[c]]) entering identification information via the first communication device, the identification information validating the subscription to the selected media exchange services; and

[[d]]) accessing the selected media exchange services by the first communication device after entry of the identification information.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21, further comprising:

[[e]]) accessing the selected media exchange services by the second communication device.

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21, further comprising:

[[e]]) allowing the second communication device to access user-created information content that is available to the first communication device.

24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21, wherein allowing the first communication device and the second communication device to access the selected media exchange services comprises at least one one or more of granting the first communication device or the second communication device access to the user-defined selections, processing the user-defined selections by

the first communication device or the second communication device, pushing the user-defined selections onto the communication network, and/or pushing user-created information content onto the communication network or between the first communication device and the second communication device.

25. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21, wherein establishing the subscription comprises ~~at least one~~one or more of establishing information securing payment, establishing information regarding payment terms, establishing information regarding billing, and/or establishing information regarding content ~~pushing/access restrictions and limitations~~.